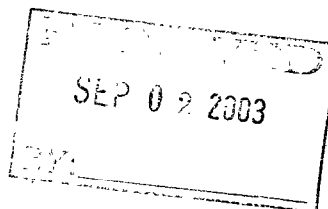




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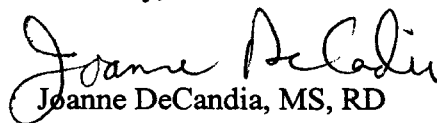
This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Vital Vein™ supplements under one or more of the following brand names: American Health, Bioenergy Nutrients, Body Fortress, Good 'N Natural, Health's Finest, Heartland, HealthSmart Vitamins, HealthWatchers, Herbal Authority, Hudson, Life's Finest, Natural Wealth, Nature's Bounty, Nutrition Headquarters, PhysioLogics, Precision Engineered, Puritan's Pride, US Nutrition, and Vitamin World:

Ingredients: Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Magnesium, Zinc, Selenium, Grape Extract, Gotu Kola, Lecithin, Butcher's Broom, Rutin, Spirulina, White Oak, Ginkgo Biloba, Kelp, Bromelain, Ginger, Hawthorn.

- Supports vein health.
- The system of veins in your body is active and dependant on tone.
- Vital Vein™ is a specially formulated combination of select herbs, including Butcher's Broom and Ginkgo Biloba, which helps maintain healthy blood vessels and circulation.

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Sincerely,

  
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